

Law Enforcement (FINAL)

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ITEM 1. Proposed Project

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As mentioned above, the immense geographic scope of Inyo County is challenging. Transporting equipment from one end of the region to the other is not an effective method to successfully provide OHV enforcement; response time can be up to eight (8) hours.

An additional challenge, during these difficult fiscal times, is the impact that funding the OHV program has made. The Inyo County Sheriff's Department maintains 39 sworn positions. The OHV Enforcement Detail intends to utilize four (4) positions at weekly intervals to maintain simultaneous operations at both ends of the county. Furthermore, there are needs to increase patrol during peak recreational months. It will therefore be necessary to supplement the county general fund with OHV grant dollars for overtime associated with operating the OHV Enforcement Detail in order to provide optimal services.

The Inyo County Sheriff's Department proposal includes the request for one (1) four wheel drive truck; two (2) all terrain vehicles (ATVs) and accompanying safety equipment; one (1) trailer to assist transportation of the ATVs; two (2) satellite phones to communicate in the remote areas of Inyo County; and two (2) laptop computers to monitor the OHV program. Additionally, the Inyo County Sheriff's Department is requesting funding assistance for staffing the Inyo County OHV Enforcement Detail.

The Inyo County Sheriff's Department will host an OHV training for deputies who will be charged with OHV Enforcement Detail duties. The training will include the use of off highway vehicles, as well as enforcing laws related to OHV violations. Familiarization of the off highway recreational areas where ecological concerns apply, as well as the many historical ancient Native American sites located within the county must be conducted.

The Inyo County Sheriff's Department recognizes the educational opportunity for OHV users who are bordering closed areas with ecological impact concerns, safety advisements and areas recommended for OHV use. The Inyo County OHV Enforcement Detail will be equipped with informational material to distribute to the public as needed.

ITEM 2. Project Coverage

Inyo County is the second largest county in the State of California consisting of approximately 10,140 square miles. Project coverage will consist of federal public lands. Land in Federal public ownership is 92%, Inyo County anticipates patrolling roughly 3,000 miles of off road terrain (consisting of 650 miles of US Forest Service dirt roads and trails, 1,800 miles of BLM unimproved routes open to the public, and 500 miles of private property belonging to the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power that is open to public recreation.)

With the assistance of the California State Parks OHV grant, the Inyo County OHV Enforcement Detail was established last year. Equipment was procured to commence operations in North-County. Specific project coverage will encompass the very remote southern region of Inyo County. Bordering San Bernardino and Kern counties to the south, and Nye County Nevada to the east, this area is extremely desirable to off highway recreation. Transporting necessary OHV enforcement equipment from one end of Inyo County to the other is not an effective mechanism to provide timely OHV enforcement. It is therefore necessary to establish and maintain two simultaneously functioning components of the Inyo County OHV Enforcement Detail.

ITEM 3. Describe the frequency of the patrols

Inyo County Sheriff's Department proposes weekly deployment of off highway patrol in both southeastern and northeastern portions of the county; with increased patrol during peak recreational months.

The southeastern portion of Inyo County, specifically Tecopa and Shoshone, is frequented by OHV users with peak months mostly taking place in the winter. Planned patrol activity in the southeastern portion of the county will consist of one eight hour shift per week of a two-person detail team mainly on BLM land. Increased patrol will take place during peak months.

The northeastern portion of the county which includes the Sierra Nevada Mountain Range, and White and Inyo Mountain Range receives increasing popularity during summer months. Anticipated patrol will consist of one eight hour shift of a two person

detail team per week. Increased patrol will take place during peak months.

ITEM 4. Deployment of Personnel

The Inyo County OHV Enforcement Detail will consist of two (2), two-person teams; one assigned to South County, one assigned to North County. Last year the North County Enforcement Detail was established, this year the goal is to establish the South County Enforcement Detail. It is imperative, due to the large geographic scope of Inyo County, that each division be required to have their own units of operation.

The Inyo County Sheriff's Department is requesting funding for the South County Enforcement Detail Team to be equipped with two (2) all terrain vehicles, accessible at the Shoshone Sheriff's Substation, one (1) four wheel drive truck, one (1) trailer, necessary safety equipment, and (2) satellite phones for communicating in the remote areas of Inyo County.

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1. Identify areas with high priority law enforcement needs because of public safety, cultural resources, and sensitive environmental habitats, including wilderness areas and areas of critical environmental concerns:

Nye County Nevada, which is located on the southeastern side of Inyo County and bordering Death Valley National Monument, is within an hour of Las Vegas. The populace of Las Vegas brings a large number of OHVs into Inyo County. Areas included with high OHV use are the Green Water range, Chicago Valley, Pahrump Valley, Resting Springs Range and the Armargosa River drainage. Currently there are two resident deputies assigned to the Shoshone and Tecopa area. These areas are accessed by for wheel drive. BLM has identified these areas and posted road closures for habitat rehabilitation. OHV users routinely overlook these closures. Another area with high volume of OHV use is the Panamint Range and Valley. This area borders Death Valley National Monument on the west side of the range. OHV recreationalists from the San Bernardino area access this area through Trona.

2. Describe how the proposed Project relates to OHV Recreation and will sustain OHV Recreation, motorized off-highway access to non-motorized recreation, or OHV Opportunities associated with the Project Area:

The desert lands of Inyo County are considered a fragile environment. With literally hundreds of miles of dirt roads within Inyo County, the OHV program will afford law enforcement personnel the ability to contact and either enforce violations or educate the OHV users of the natural resources which draw attention to this desert environment. Inyo County is home to some of the best rock climbing, bouldering and high angle technical climbing on the west coast. Access to these areas is either by hiking or utilizing some type of vehicle capable of rough road terrain. Many remote areas have been damaged by activities that displace OHV recreation. Visible patrol of these areas will be a preventive measure to encourage safe and responsible OHV recreating.

to this activity.

3. Describe the Applicant's formal or informal cooperation with other law enforcement agencies:

The desert areas of Inyo County are currently patrolled by two agencies, the Sheriffs Department and BLM Rangers. The Forest Service has Law Enforcement Rangers associated with Inyo National Forest. However these Forest Service areas have limited access by either the steep foothills of the mountainous ranges or Wilderness closures. California Fish and Game also have limited resources, mostly focusing on high use fishing and hunting areas related to Owens Valley and the National Forest.

Joint task forces for enforcement of littering, graffiti etc have been previously conducted. Inyo County has a Narcotic Task Force (Inyo Narcotic Enforcement Team or INET) this group consists of Law Enforcement personnel from the Sheriffs Department, Bishop Police Department, California Highway Patrol, and the District Attorneys Office. With the increasing Marijuana cultivation problem in Inyo County, INET, BLM and USFS have conducted joint operations on Federal land.

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4. Does the Applicant recover a portion of the law enforcement costs directly associated with privately sponsored OHV events where sponsors have obtained a local permit?
(Please select Yes or No)



Yes



No

Explain

N/A

5. The Applicant agrees to implement a public education program that includes information on safety programs available in the area and how to report OHV violations? (Please select Yes or No)



Yes



No

6. Describe the Applicant's OHV law enforcement training program including how the training program educates personnel to address OHV safety and natural and cultural resource protection:

Inyo County Sheriff's Department proposes a training program consisting of educating the public through the following communication vehicles: press releases, flyers, establishing an annual booth at the Tri-County Fair to further promote OHV safety and natural cultural resource protection. In addition, patrol deputies will be equipped with informational materials to be distributed upon contact with recreational users.

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7. Is the proposed project in accordance with local or federal plans and the OHMVR Division Strategic Plan? (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No
8. LOCAL AGENCIES ONLY - Describe the Applicant's policies and/or agreements regarding enforcement on federal land:
- Inyo County Sheriff's Department currently has in effect a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the US Forest Service to provide patrols and cooperative law enforcement on lands administered by the US Forest Service. The Inyo County Sheriff's Department cooperatively works with the BLM on enforcement of federal and state laws, providing back-up, shared information, and assistance in those crimes committed on BLM lands with state or federal violations. The Inyo County Sheriff's Department also has responsibility for not only enforcement of state laws but responsibility of search and rescue on all federal lands withing the boundaries of Inyo County.
9. COUNTIES ONLY - Describe how the OHV in-lieu of tax funds are being used and whether the use of these fees complements the Applicant's project:
- Used to supplement a non-formal program to minimally enforce off road vehicles.

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10. APPLICANTS WHO MANAGE OHV RECREATION FACILITIES – Describe how your organization is meeting its operation and maintenance needs:
- N/A
11. The Applicant agrees to enforce the registration of OHVs and the other provision of Division 16.5 commencing with Section 38000 of the vehicle code and to enforce other applicable laws regarding the operation of OHVs? (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No

Project Cost Estimate

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APPLICANT NAME :	Inyo County Sheriff's Department		
PROJECT TITLE :	Law Enforcement (FINAL)	PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :	G09-03-30-L01
PROJECT TYPE :	<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition <input type="checkbox"/> Development <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Operations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration		
PROJECT DESCRIPTION :	<p>Last year, with the assistance from the California State Parks OHV Grant, the Inyo County Sheriff's Department was able to successfully enter into the preliminary phase of the Inyo County Off-Highway Enforcement Detail by procuring the equipment to commence operations in northern Inyo County. Due to the large geographic scope of Inyo County, consisting of approximately 10,140 square miles, there is a significant need to equip the southern Inyo County substation in order to provide timely response for off highway enforcement.</p> <p>The same concerns and problems that were outlined in last year's OHV grant prevail. Vandalism and extreme amounts of trash left behind by campers, target shooters and juvenile parties are a constant threat - these activities displace OHV recreation. An additional concern are the new unauthorized roads that are being established throughout the County. A goal for the Inyo County Off-Highway Enforcement Detail is to encourage safe OHV recreating, while simultaneously enhancing designated trails and authorized roads to ensure a safe and responsible OHV experience. The true cost of the OHV program has been more than anticipated; in order to provide staffing for OHV patrol and enforcement, it is therefore necessary to include supplemental funding as part of this years OHV grant request.</p> <p>As mentioned above, the immense geographic scope of Inyo County is challenging. Transporting equipment from one end of the region to the other is not an effective method to successfully provide OHV enforcement; response time can be up to eight (8) hours.</p> <p>An additional challenge, during these difficult fiscal times, is the impact that funding the OHV program has made. The Inyo County Sheriff's Department maintains 39 sworn positions. The OHV Enforcement Detail intends to utilize four (4) positions at weekly intervals to maintain simultaneous operations at both ends of the county. Furthermore, there are needs to increase patrol during peak recreational months. It will therefore be necessary to supplement the county general fund with OHV grant dollars for overtime associated with operating the OHV Enforcement Detail in order to provide optimal services.</p> <p>The Inyo County Sheriff's Department proposal includes the request for one (1) four wheel drive truck; two (2) all terrain vehicles (ATVs) and accompanying safety equipment; one (1) trailer to assist transportation of the ATVs; two (2) satellite phones to communicate in the remote areas of Inyo County; and two (2) laptop computers to monitor the OHV program. Additionally, the Inyo County Sheriff's Department is requesting funding assistance for staffing the Inyo County OHV Enforcement Detail.</p> <p>The Inyo County Sheriff's Department will host an OHV training for deputies who will be charged with OHV Enforcement Detail duties. The training will include the use of off highway vehicles, as well as enforcing laws related to OHV violations. Familiarization of the off highway recreational areas where ecological concerns apply, as well as the many historical ancient Native American sites located within the county must be conducted.</p> <p>The Inyo County Sheriff's Department recognizes the educational opportunity for OHV users who are bordering closed areas with ecological impact concerns, safety advisements and areas recommended for OHV use. The Inyo County OHV Enforcement Detail will be equipped with informational material to distribute to the public as needed.</p>		

Project Cost Estimate for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2009/2010
 Agency: Inyo County Sheriff's Department
 Application: Law Enforcement (FINAL)

2/23/2010

	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
DIRECT EXPENSES							
Program Expenses							
1	Staff						
	Law Enforcement Officers	4000.000	48.900	HRS	97,800.00	97,800.00	195,600.00
	Sergeant	400.000	58.140	HRS	11,628.00	11,628.00	23,256.00
	Administration Officer	200.000	37.540	HRS	7,508.00	0.00	7,508.00
	Total for Staff				116,936.00	109,428.00	226,364.00
2	Contracts						
3	Materials / Supplies						
	Safety Equipment Notes : This is an estimated cost for personal safety equipment.	2.000	1000.000	EA	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
	Emergency Medical Supplies	4.000	150.000	EA	600.00	0.00	600.00
	Total for Materials / Supplies				2,600.00	0.00	2,600.00
4	Equipment Use Expenses						
5	Equipment Purchases						
	Satellite Phones Notes : Proposed OHV patrol areas bordering Death Valley National Monument are remote. Satellite phones are therefore requested in order to provide officers with a mechanism to communicate. It is critical, due to safety concerns, that the OHV enforcement officers have reliable satellite phones.	2.000	2000.000	EA	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00
	Laptop Computers Notes : Two laptop computers are requested to monitor the Inyo	2.000	2500.000	EA	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00

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	County OHV Enforcement Detail: one (1) would be assigned to the North-County Sergeant, and one (1) would be assigned to the South-County Sergeant. As indicated in the Proposed Project, due to the large geographic scope of Inyo County it is imperative to maintain two (2) simultaneously operating OHV details, and monitoring those programs is necessary.						
	Other-Fou Wheel Drive Truck	1.000	35000.000	EA	35,000.00	0.00	35,000.00
	Other-All Terrain Vehicles Notes : Due to safety concerns all Inyo County OHV Enforcement will consist of two-man teams. There are currently two (2) ATVs assigned to the North-County OHV Enforcement Detail. In order to provide simultaneous OHV Enforcement, this years grant proposal will enhance the OHV Detail by equipping the South-County with the tools necessary to provide timely response for OHV enforcement. Two (2) ATVs are requested to patrol the remote, but highly desirable, areas bordering Death Valley National Monument, and other South-County areas.	2.000	18000.000	EA	36,000.00	0.00	36,000.00
	Other-Trailer	1.000	7000.000	EA	7,000.00	0.00	7,000.00
	Total for Equipment Purchases				87,000.00	0.00	87,000.00
6	Others						
	Training	1.000	2000.000	EA	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
7	Indirect Costs						
	Total Program Expenses				208,536.00	109,428.00	317,964.00
	TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES				208,536.00	109,428.00	317,964.00
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES				208,536.00	109,428.00	317,964.00

Project Cost Summary for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2009/2010
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Program Expenses					
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2	Contracts	0.00	0.00	0.00	
3	Materials / Supplies	2,600.00	0.00	2,600.00	
4	Equipment Use Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	
5	Equipment Purchases	87,000.00	0.00	87,000.00	
6	Others	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	
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Environmental Review Data Sheet (ERDS)

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ITEM 1 and ITEM 2

ITEM 1

- a. ITEM 1 - Has a CEQA Notice of Determination (NOD) been filed for the Project? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(Please select Yes or No)

ITEM 2

- b. Does the proposed Project include a request for funding for CEQA and/or NEPA document preparation prior to implementing the remaining Project Deliverables (i.e., is it a two-phased Project pursuant to Section 4970.06.1(b)) (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

ITEM 3 - Project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378

- c. ITEM 3 - Are the proposed activities a "Project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(Please select Yes or No)
- d. The Application is requesting funds solely for personnel and support to enforce OHV laws and ensure public safety. These activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No
- e. Other. Explain why proposed activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. DO NOT complete ITEMS 4 – 10

ITEM 4 - Impact of this Project on Wetlands

ITEM 5 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project

ITEM 6 - Soil Impacts

ITEM 7 - Damage to Scenic Resources

ITEM 8 - Hazardous Materials

Is the proposed Project Area located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (hazardous materials)? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the location of the hazard relative to the Project site, the level of hazard and the measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the hazards.

ITEM 9 - Potential for Adverse Impacts to Historical or Cultural Resources

Would the proposed Project have potential for any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Discuss the potential for the proposed Project to have any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources.

ITEM 10 - Indirect Significant Impacts

CEQA/NEPA Attachment